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Number of student veterans may increase

Troops returning home, cuts to budget may lead to 20 percent more enrollment

By Eric Lagatta
Campus Editor

As United States President Barack Obama announced a significant reduction of U.S. troops in Afghanistan by year's end, colleges could see an increase in veteran students on campus.

While Obama announced in February a large withdrawal by the end of 2014, he wants to leave up to 10,000 of the current 35,000 troops in the country, but Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai as of yet refused to sign the Bilateral Security Agreement with the U.S., which would allow American troops to remain there. Without a signed deal, all U.S. and NATO forces would have to withdraw from Afghanistan.

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THE BG NEWS LOOKS INTO WHAT WILL CHANGE WHEN STUDENTS COME BACK IN FALL

University prepares for funding decrease

By Kendra Clark
In Focus Editor

The University is due to receive less funding from the state for the next academic year.

Traditionally, the University has been funded through inputs, or simply the number of students that were at a University on the 15th day after classes start fall semester, said Chief Financial Officer Sherideen Stoll.

"When the state made a change in the formula for the fiscal year 2010, the governor really wanted to begin to incentivize outcomes or outputs," Stoll said. "There was concern that Ohio had slipped below the national average in terms of the number of citizens that had a completed degree."

So the governor decided to change the way uni-

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statistically GENDERED



65 percent of full professors at the University are men

Faculty members average salary by rank, gender



Female faculty experience discrimination; statistics show no significant salary difference

By Danae King
Editor-in-Chief

Though Peg Yacobucci has a PhD in her field, unlike some of her male counterparts, she's been discouraged throughout her entire education and career.

Some of the faculty who taught her "insisted women were good at teaching but would never be as good as men at research," said Yacobucci, a geology professor at the University.

"They said you can't be a good researcher unless you have a wife at home," she said. "[I] didn't take it as discouraging ... [I thought] 'you're an idiot, we'll prove you wrong.'"

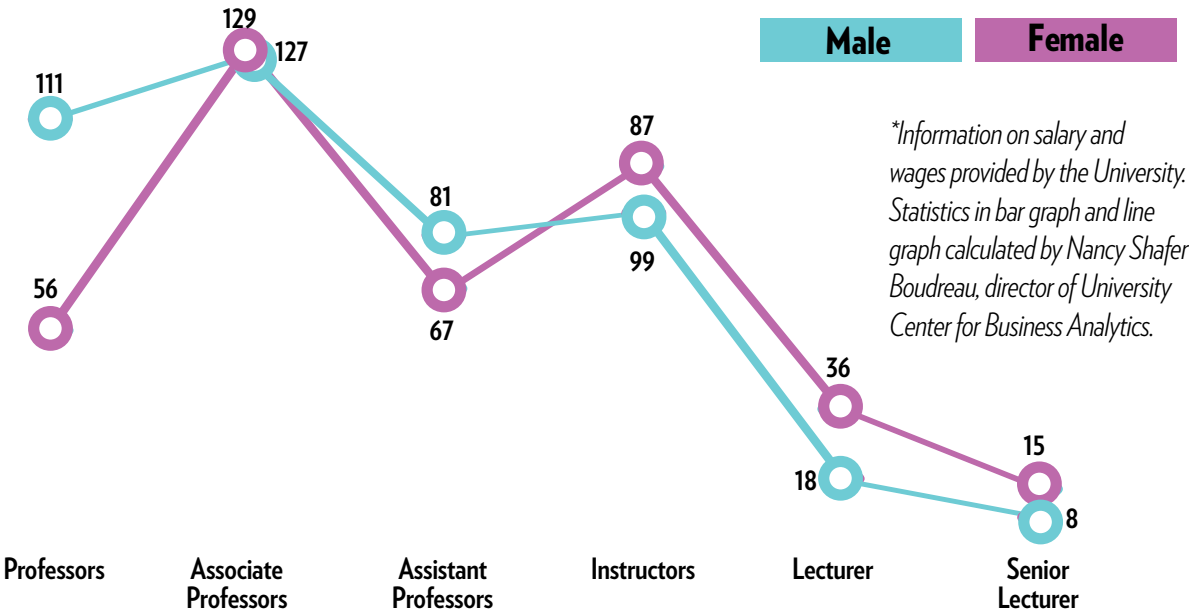
Discouraging comments or actions like these are known as microaggressions and are a form of discrimination.

Yacobucci experiences many of these every day as a female in a Science Technology Engineering and Math field.

"[They] irk you for five minutes and then you move

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Number of faculty members by rank, gender



*Information on salary and wages provided by the University. Statistics in bar graph and line graph calculated by Nancy Shafer Boudreau, director of University Center for Business Analytics.

WORKING OUT FOR WARRIORS



RUBEN KAPPLER | THE BG NEWS

KASIE DURKIT, junior, coordinated an event Friday to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Scott Hamilton returns to Ice Arena for charity

Skate For Hope raises \$36,000 for breast cancer research and awareness

By Tara Jones
Assistant Sports Editor

Scott Hamilton returned to Bowling Green to host "Skate For Hope", an event which raised \$36,000 for breast cancer research and awareness.

The 11th anniversary of Skate For Hope took place Saturday night at the Ice Arena

Hamilton, an Olympic gold medalist, walked through the doors again where he said his journey as a figure skater first began. Fellow gold medalist, Sarah Hughes, joined Hamilton to host the event.

A cancer survivor himself and

first-time Skate For Hope participant, Hamilton said the night reminded him how great the crowds are at the University.

"It means something to come together as a community to fight back," Hamilton said. "To support these children raising money, emotionally it just fills my heart that no one's even close to giving up. It's all about fighting back ... you're showing the world that you're not going to take it sitting down."

Hamilton said one of the best things about the event is how it empowers the children who raised money to share the ice with the figure skating

headliners.

"I think the biggest impact besides the money raised is who raised it," Hamilton said. "They understand that they're not just kids; they actually can have an impact and I think that's a really powerful thing for a child to understand and experience."

Fourteen-year-old Anika Haian participated in Skate For Hope for her fifth time this year. The Columbus, Ohio native said she had grandparents who were affected by cancer.

"It was great raising awareness for

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BLOTTER THURS., MAY 1

2:58 P.M.
Complainant reported the theft of a Dyson Animal Slim vacuum cleaner within the 2100 block of E. Wooster St. The vacuum is valued at \$399.

FRI., MAY 2

1:30 A.M.
Kyle Daniel O'Donnell, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for prohibited acts, open container of alcohol and underage possession of alcohol within the 100 block of N. Main St.

2:31 A.M.
Salahuddin Abdul Wali Hafiz Ibn Hameem Habeeb,

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19, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage/under the influence and disorderly conduct/unable to care for self within the 400 block of E. Court St.

12:13 P.M.
Complainant reported the theft of her purse and wallet near Carter Park.

9:10 P.M.
Complainant reported the theft of an iPod dock station within the 100 block of W. Gypsy Lane Rd.

11:10 P.M.
Delilad Nunez, 21, of Fostoria, Ohio, was cited for open container near Lot 4 downtown.

11:43 P.M.
Lalynda Krisnique Cobb, 18, of Bowling Green, was cited for littering near Clough Street and the railroad tracks.

SAT., MAY 3

12:10 A.M.
Meighan Alessandria Mills, 18, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct/urinating in public and underage/under the influence within the 600 block of Clough St.

1:40 A.M.
Alba Hazizaj, 23, of Whitehall, Ohio, was cited for open container of alcohol and possession of marijuana within the 700 block of S. Main St. Chelsie Ann Croom, 19, of Columbus, Ohio, was cited for open

container of alcohol and underage possession of alcohol.

2:04 A.M.
Ryan James Palmer, 19, of Gansevoort, New York, was cited for willful/wanton disregard of safety and underage/under the influence of alcohol within the 100 block of N. Prospect St.

2:07 A.M.
Complainant reported that an unknown subject threw a rock through the complainant's front window within the 200 block of E. Merry Ave.

2:07 A.M.
Alex Anthony Batt, 21, Defiance, Ohio; and Kyle Douglas Smay, 21, of Defiance, Ohio, were both cited for disorderly conduct/urinating in public

within the 200 block of Manville Ave.

2:33 A.M.
Bradley B. Ahbe, 21, of Bowling Green; and Andrew Preston Heath, 24, of Millbury, Ohio, were both cited for disorderly conduct/fighting within the 100 block of N. Main St.

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Scott Estep serves as University football team’s chaplain, provides spiritual guidance



GOD
and
FOOTBALL

Story by Jared Heimovitz | Photo by Sam Rayburn

After marrying his high school sweetheart, Scott Estep came to Bowling Green to serve as Pastor for the Church of the Nazarene. Though faced with difficulties, he maintained passion for two things that have kept him strong: God and football. “I love the atmosphere of college athletics,” Estep said, “and I’d rather speak publicly than eat.” This year will be his 10th season where he has gotten to enjoy those things together. Estep serves as chaplain for the University football team when he’s not running Dayspring Church, part of the Assemblies of God, where he has served as lead pastor for six years. Estep said having an outlet outside of Dayspring that ties in with his favorite sport is great, and he feels gratification when seeing players and coaches be successful. As chaplain, he attends games on the sidelines, saying prayers with and for the team, and even holds weekly Bible studies with coaches. Estep is happy to have this position and says he “serves at the pleasure of the coach.” “My primary goal is to support him and the spiritual development of the team,” Estep said. While getting to travel with the team and be on the sidelines, Estep learns leadership experience from the coaches and athletic director that he then applies at Dayspring. Before Dayspring, Estep was pastor at the Church of the Nazarene for 10 years. It was then he started being an assistant for the former chaplain and then took over the job in 2005. Between churches, Estep worked in realty to get him by financially, and because of his role as chaplain he still got to “talk Bible” to people and make a difference. “They were my family during that time and still are,” he said. He aims to keep the team spiritually united. Ronnie Goble, a defensive end for the Falcons, has known Estep for five years. He said he has done some ministry work with him and feels comfortable having him available. “[As a team] we’re trying to perform the best we can, and I know he’s helped a lot of men,” Goble said. “Not only has he had an impact on me but a lot of other people too.” At the last team meeting before a game, coaches release players notifying them of “chapel in 5 minutes,” which about 50-60 of these players regularly attend, Estep explained. Defensive Back coach Nick Monroe has known Estep for four years and is usually one of the team members that voluntarily attends pre-game chapel. Monroe explained how Estep has a very non-judgmental demeanor, and that’s what is key about having someone like a chaplain around. “He listens; he’s sincere,” said Monroe. “He lets out a lot of fear and tension from players before games, just from talking to them.” Monroe reiterated that player involvement with Estep’s services is completely voluntary. Estep visits practices and said several players pray one-on-one with him before games. Coaches also have approached Estep if they think a player could use someone to talk to or if they’ve noticed changes in performance. “I just want to be available,” Estep said.

VETERAN

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This many troops returning home, coupled with massive cuts to the Pentagon budget, could lead to an increase of veterans in higher education. The University itself could see as much as a 20 percent increase in veterans on campus, said Eric Buetikofer, a recruiter in the Department of Non-Traditional and Transfer Students. “All of the military are downsizing right now,” Buetikofer said. “Big time.” U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel worked with Obama to cut \$75 billion from the Pentagon budget for fiscal year 2015. More and more veterans are being offered earlier retirement or are not seeing their contracts renewed, Buetikofer said. “There is a lot of people getting pushed out that way,” Buetikofer said. The University is home to 550 veteran students, Buetikofer said. Of those, 50 percent are veterans who are out of active duty; 45 percent are National Guard and reserve and 5 percent are active duty. The University is nationally recognized for its veterans’ services, and has been named a “military-friendly school” by GI Jobs magazine and has been recognized by Military Times EDGE as one of the nation’s top “Best for Vets” higher education institutions. “We have a reputation for being good with vets,” Buetikofer said. Student veterans have

access to Veterans’ Affairs Benefits such as the Montgomery GI Bill and Post 9/11 GI Bill, which helps with tuition and provides housing stipends, Buetikofer said. The University has two certifying officials located in the Office of Registration and Records who assist students eligible to receive veterans’ benefits. New this year, the University is also part of a pilot program called PAVE, or Peer Advisors for Veteran’s Education. This program, started by the University of Michigan Depression Center and Department of Psychiatry, and Student Veterans of America, seeks to connect veterans on campus and inform them of all the services available to them. The University became one of three universities to participate in this program in February. The goal of PAVE is to increase retention among veterans on campus, as there tends to be “a lot of attrition,” Buetikofer said. The necessity of such a program rests on the fact that, for veterans, transitioning to college life is different than for traditional students. “It’s not like an 18-year-old coming here and living in the dorms,” Buetikofer said. Senior Josh Noblet can attest to this sentiment. Noblet, 24, is a veteran of the National Guard who served in Afghanistan. He joined the Guard in December 2007 and did basic training right out of high school. Originally from Galion, Ohio, he started at the University in 2009 as an education major before

switching to history. Noblet was part of a recent Ohio deployment, when 2,800 troops, 63 of whom were BGSU students, were deployed in Afghanistan in September 2011. Noblet got injured on deployment with a fractured skull. He returned early, in June 2012, because of it. He then started working for the National Guard doing odd jobs until registering again for classes again in spring 2013. Like most veterans, he struggled to transition to civilian life when he returned from deployment. “It was bad,” Noblet said. “You just feel like you’re on your own.” While deployed in Afghanistan, Noblet was part of security forces on a small base in Jalalabad, near the border of Pakistan. He also did work with field artillery. “Your military career job doesn’t transfer over [to the civilian job market,]” Noblet said. “You can stop avalanches, I think, is the only job you can use cannons.” The University’s services for veterans have allowed him to pursue a higher education; after graduation, he may pursue a career in academia or at a historical society. “Before deployment, I don’t remember any of this existing,” Noblet said. He is now a peer mentor in the PAVE program. If the program is successful, it will be rolled out nationally next academic year, Buetikofer said. As for the Afghanistan War, it is now America’s longest, at 12 years.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will cost between \$4 trillion and \$6 trillion, according to a 2013 Harvard study authored by Linda Bilmes. The more money the U.S. invests in the war, the more important that investment not be in vain, said Marc Simon, associate professor of political science at BGSU. “Having spent 13 years trying to prop up this government, it would be embarrassing for the U.S. if all the gains in the Afghanistan war were lost shortly after we pull out,” Simon said. “The fear is if we got out too soon, the Taliban would not be suppressed enough for the Afghanistan military to handle it.” The Afghanistan government doesn’t have the money or the military power to sustain the war on its own. Considering this, what will likely happen when the U.S. draws out is that Karzai will enter into a power-sharing solution with the Taliban, Simon said. This year has been the first time since 2001 that Americans are as likely to say U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan was a mistake as to say it was not, according to a February, 2014 Gallup poll. Forty-nine percent of Americans in 2014 said the war was a mistake, according to the survey. Comparatively, 44 percent thought so a year ago, and nine percent thought so in 2001. “The American public is tired of and distracted by the war in Afghanistan,” Simon said. “Americans are ready to get out, and have been for a long time.”

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cancer because I know people don’t usually get this opportunity or have the money to find a cure,” Haian said. Haian uses the event to reap the benefits of working with top professionals in her field. “I loved meeting the headliners and getting little bits of their mind and their encouragement for me to excel in the sport,” she said. Olympian Emily Hughes participated in the event for the tenth year on Saturday. She and her sister Sarah Hughes began skating in the event to honor their mother, a breast cancer survivor. “Skate For Hope has been every year for me coming back. It’s great to be able to skate and do something

that I love to do and be able to give back,” Hughes said. “My mom had breast cancer ... a couple years back now, but every year it’s great for me to come back and skate for her.” During the portion where the children handed medals to the cancer survivors they brought, the Hughes sister honored their mother with a medal as well. “Usually the spotlight is on us so it’s really nice to give the spotlight to our mother,” Hughes said. Hamilton also had a mother who was affected by breast cancer. “[Skate For Hope] is for breast cancer,” Hamilton said. “My mother died of breast cancer so it feels great to know that Bowling Green is once again engaged in a figure skating way to fight back.”

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET Do you think there is gender discrimination at the University?



ALYSSA LOBARDI
Freshman,
Art Education

"I believe with the ROTC, it's cool for a guy to do it, but a girl is looked at different."



TYLER BREWER
Sophomore,
Business Analytics and Computer Science

"Through the [residence hall], I have a friend who was not able to appeal to live off campus though he felt uncomfortable as he was mistreated for being gay."



BAYLIE FRYMAN
Freshman,
Tourism, Leisure and Event Planning

"Professor-wise, I had a professor that had difficulty getting a job because they have kids at home."



CONOR DEDEK
Sophomore,
Film Production

"I think there is just as much discrimination against women here as there is anywhere."

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A Greek salad doesn't have meat in it. As a vegetarian, that's my go to salad after a garden salad. But when I find bacon bits in it, I feel like I'm going to throw up. -GUESS THAT'S THE LAST PRE-MADE SALAD I GET

Only BG would think it was a good idea to host two tournaments during the week before exams as people are moving their things out. #WOOSTERISCRAZY

I've lived in residence halls for two years now. I don't need someone telling me to clean out my room and lock it up when I move out. -I DON'T HAVE TIME TO TALK TO MY RA

I keep reminding myself break is almost here. I think that's the only thing getting me out of bed. #BURNTOUT

Either the stress or this weather is going to kill me. I'm not sure what first. -I WOKE UP WITH A BLOODY NOSE

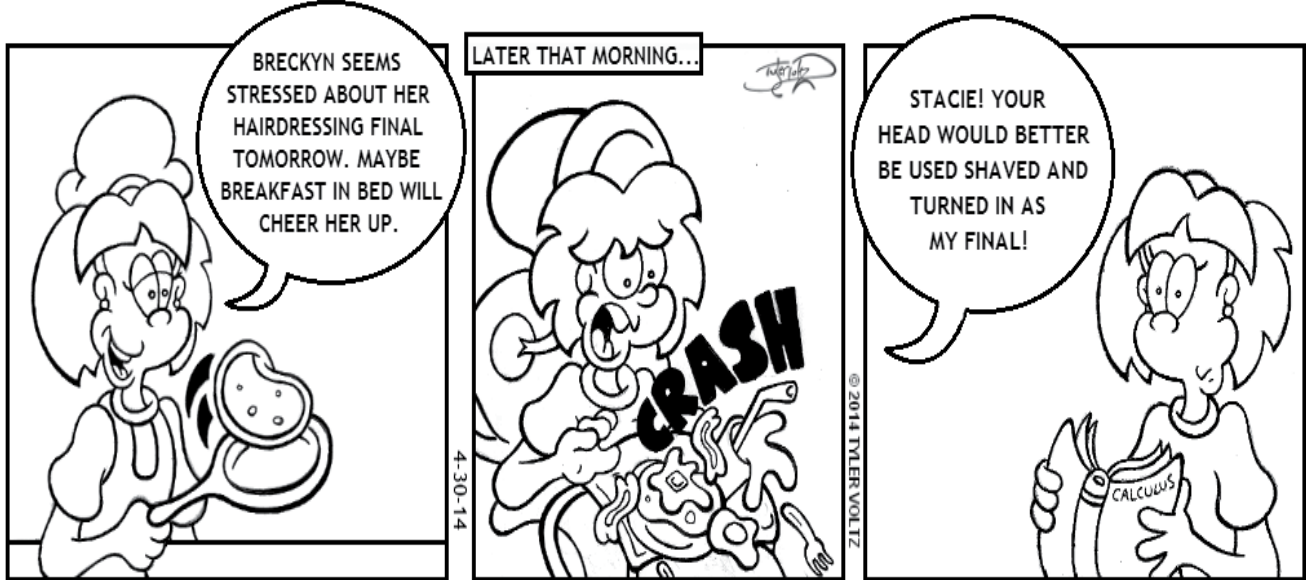
Just have to power through this week, that's it. #BREAK IS ALMOST HERE

The only thing between me and leaving here for good is the 3:30 exam time on Friday. #IT WILL BE THE DEATH OF ME

I've been here for nearly 20 hours in the past two days and I feel like crap. Hitting on me is just going to make me angry. -BUY SOMETHING OR GET OUT

I'm constantly thirsty. #INEEDWATER

EXAM CONFUSION



INDIVIDUAL ACADEMY by TYLER VOLTZ

Traveling experiences are worthwhile, memorable



ABIGAIL KRUSE
COLUMNIST

Well, we made it, folks.
It's finally finals week, the home stretch, and sometimes you need something to look forward to in those endless hours of studying.
I'm excited to go home and spend time with family and friends, start online classes and make some money, but before that, I can look forward to something that will take place right after I move out: A Cappella Choir tour.
Each spring, right after exams, this choir takes a five-day, four-night tour. We pick a destination and give concerts on the way there and back.
Last year, we went to Toronto, and this year we are headed to Nashville, Tennessee. We perform repertoire from this semester and last semester, usually at churches. Members of the congregation kindly agree to house pairs or small groups of us for the night that we are there.
The cost for the trip is typically under \$100, and is very much worth it because of the memories you make in return.
I'll be the first to say that home stays are an eye-opening experience, since you get to know all sorts of different people, if only for a small amount of time. My first host on

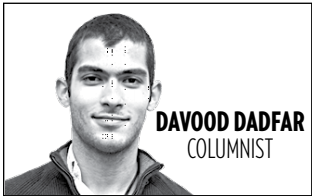
"I had never used different currency before. I saw the Niagara Falls in person, and yes, it's every bit as neat as I had heard. I went to a gay bar for the first time."

last year's tour, who had gone to high school with my aunt, coached a high school girls' dance team. Along with three other choir members, I tried organic, sugar-free root beer for the first time, thanks to our host in Buffalo, New York.
In Canada, I marked a few more firsts- the first time I had been out of the country, for one thing. I had never used different currency before. I saw Niagara Falls in person, and yes, it's every bit as neat as I had heard. I went to a gay bar for the first time. I found out that Smarties are known as Rockets.

I highly recommend a trip like this to everyone. If singing and traveling and trying new things sounds fun to you, consider joining the choir next year.

Respond to Abigail at
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Current exam style not effective for students



DAVOOD DADFAR
COLUMNIST

It's that time of year again. The time where students flock to convenience stores to stock up on Red Bull and Cheetos only to isolate themselves on the eighth floor of the library to cram for finals.
At this point most students start to question the objective and purpose behind composing a final exam that consists of all the material they've learned throughout the semester.
The more important question students should ask however, is whether written exams are an effective instrument for creating success after graduation.
One of the significant courses I took this year was Finance 3000.
Instead of dissecting into the time value of money on the first day, the class discussed Blooms Taxonomy chart, which sets a hierarchy of learning methods in regards to the value they add.
On the bottom of Blooms Taxonomy scale, and also the least valuable to the knowledge process, is regurgitation.
The simple process of remembering solutions adds little value in the process of learning.
The reality is that most of us can probably attest to forgetting some courses that strictly relied on memorization alone.
On the contrary, the chart puts the highest value on creating and analyzing content. According to Blooms

Taxonomy, the mere practice of memorizing formulas, solutions or ideas isn't of high value to society.
The same thoughts come to mind when you're forced to memorize topics for an exam.
The real value is added when courses allow students to apply their knowledge to outside assignments.
Class presentations and projects still continue to be an effective way for students to convey their knowledge of material.
The simple task of memorizing a topic is over-glorified in our society.
It's true that several professions and areas of life require regurgitation for success.
After all, you wouldn't want your surgeon to perform open heart surgery on you with his med school books on the table.
At the same time you can't expect your lawyer to know all the technicalities of the law on any given day.
Demanding that all areas of life should have the same amount of scrutiny is unnecessary, especially when performance is measured by application.
This is why the simple memorize and regurgitate exam format of learning is a fading method for successful value-added learning.
Until students have more courses that emphasize application and analysis, they will be doomed to live off Red Bull and Cheetos for the remainder of their college careers.

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MARIO MOCKUS, a sophomore political science major, scoops maple syrup onto his plate. He came to Midnight Breakfast to get a meal that reminded him of home.



ALLEE KEENE chooses from a variety of breakfast foods at the Midnight Breakfast event at the Oaks on Sunday.

MIDNIGHT SNACK

Midnight Breakfast at The Oaks welcomes students for untraditional meal



STUDENTS FLOCKED to the Oaks to enjoy breakfast from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

EQUITY

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on,” she said. “They happen a lot, but they wouldn’t ever occur to a male faculty member.”

Yacobucci isn’t the only woman experiencing micro-aggressions and other forms of discrimination; research shows that women deal with discrimination, are less likely to negotiate for pay, more likely to have household duties on top of work outside the home and more likely to volunteer for service jobs at work, said Mary Ellen Benedict, chair of the Economics Department at the University.

These factors and traits women possess can contribute to the wage gap between men and women and the fact that by the time an average woman is 65, she will have lost \$431,000 during her working life due to the wage gap, according to whitehouse.gov and U.S. Census Data.

Though this statistic is true nationally, Nancy Shafer Boudreau, director of the Center for Business

Analytics at the University, ran numbers provided by the University and found that among full-time faculty, there is a \$48 difference between males and females, which is not “statistically significant,” Boudreau said.

At the University, the average salary for female faculty members is \$63,900 a year and for male faculty members it is \$72,741; this pay difference of almost \$9,000 in the average wages of men and women faculty members is most likely due to factors other than gender.

There may be differences due to the number of years faculty members have been at the University and the disciplines men and women are in. For example, women are more likely to teach English and men are more likely to teach in STEM fields, which pay more than English. Factors such as these could tip the scales in men’s favor.

In addition, men are more likely to be full professors, which also leads to higher salaries compared to their female counterparts,

Benedict said in an email.

“Women are likely stuck at the associate professor level for a myriad of reasons,” Benedict said in the email. “One is that their other duties at work and home reduce the amount of time that a woman could spend on research, a key to being promoted to full ... A second reason may be that women are not encouraged to go up for full, while men either don’t care about being encouraged, they just go up, or men are encouraged at a high rate than women, suggesting discrimination.”

There are more men in higher ranks at the University. For example, 65 percent of full professors are male, according to information on faculty salary provided by the University.

“When you get to some of those older ranks you have the burden of the past and then you start to get into all the other factors,” said Joseph Frizado, vice provost for Academic Operations and Assessment. “There are more males than females as full professors and the difference

gets less and you go down the ranks.”

There’s also the fact that women are less likely to negotiate pay than men. If women aren’t negotiating salaries, they start out at a lower pay and may never be able to regain that pay, Benedict said.

Frizado said in his more than 30 years at the University, women’s propensity to negotiate has changed.

“I think that is becoming less likely [that women won’t negotiate],” he said.

Women volunteer for more service jobs than men in the workplace, sometimes leaving little time for merit-gaining research.

There is a “long standing perception that women get ‘stuck’ doing more service than men do,” Yacobucci said.

It’s typically expected that women will do the office work of organizing an office party, birthdays and doing social care things like sending flowers to a co-worker because of a death, Krueger said.

“[With service jobs, men] say no because they can

and women say yes because they think they’re supposed to because we don’t want to be seen as cold and bitchy,” Krueger said.

Yacobucci participated in a study Case Western Reserve University did and said in the focus groups when service came up, women said it’s not rewarded or recognized but that they do more than men. Females could even be penalized for doing service, which every faculty member must do, while others are rewarded for the research they get done when others are doing service.

Service work could negatively benefit women’s salary and promotion because each year, faculty members go through a merit review which directly impacts their salary.

They are evaluated on what is called their “allocation of effort,” or the amount of teaching, research and service they do each year. Each department at the University expects a different combination of the three, but research is usually highly valued.

The workplace isn’t the only place where women may be

doing more of the service work than their male co-workers.

Women are more likely to do more of the household work, which can cut into the time they have to do research or other faculty work. This may have to do with childcare as well as housework, said Mary Krueger, director of the University Women’s Center.

“If the raising of children wasn’t so gendered, we wouldn’t see this pay equality that is so gendered,” Krueger said. “Kind of the go-to theory is that women step out of employment [for children] and go back in ... And because they know they want to step out [they may] go into a profession that is flexible and pays less.”

Yacobucci has always been in a field with very few other women and said while she’s been called “Mrs. Yacobucci” instead of “Dr. Yacobucci,” paleontology has always come first to her.

“I’ve wanted to be a paleontologist since I was 5 years old, [it was my] first priority,” she said. “I wasn’t thinking about kids ... [or] how I want to live my life.”

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‘FIERCE ON THE FIELD’



Junior Jamie Kertes serves as softball team’s leader on, off field

By **Brandon Shrider**
Reporter

Junior Jamie Kertes has many attributes that make her a critical part of the team on and off the field.

Sophomore Braiden Dillow refers to her as being “wild and crazy,” at times during the season.

She’s a big part of what holds this team together because she leads by example,” Dillow said.

When Kertes made her high school visit to BG she knew she wanted to be a Falcon.

“As soon as I stepped on campus I knew that I wanted to go here,” pitcher Kertes said.

In her first year, Kertes earned the Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year award to pair with placement on the all MAC first team. Kertes went on to follow that season with earning a spot on the MAC all first team again in her sophomore season.

Now, Kertes finds herself not just performing on the field, but leading the team off the field.

“She’s a huge part of this team,” senior Erika Stratton said. “Being in the circle so much she almost has to be a leader, but she takes that role with pride.”

Kertes exhibits pride on and off the field and it’s this role of a leader that she embraces entirely. However, she does so with the best interest of her Falcon teammates in mind.

“I’m not out here doing anything for myself,” Kertes said. “I want nothing but the best for this team and my coaches.”

Stratton, her catcher and fellow upperclassman, echoed similar thoughts.

“She’s very determined and wants the best for the team,” Stratton said.

It is this unselfish attitude that has allowed Kertes to transition from an underclassman to a leader.

Kertes has seen her fair share of success through three years at Bowling Green, but she thrives on being able to pass this knowledge along to her teammates. This mindset has elevated Kertes to a valuable role model for the Falcons.

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JAMIE KERTES watches her teammates on the field from the dugout against Wright State.

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Stratton, Yoho honored on Falcons’ Senior Day

Softball sweeps Toledo, eliminating Rockets’ hopes of making tournament

By **Brandon Shrider**
Reporter

“It was an awesome end,” Salsburg said. “There’s been so much growth in how we finish.”

The Falcons began play again on Sunday afternoon for their last regular season game of the year. Despite the gusting winds, the stands were full as 257 fans filed in for Bowling Green’s senior day, recording the largest crowd for the Falcons this season.

Seniors, Erika Stratton and Katie Yoho were honored before the game for their four years with the program. The two seniors also had their names and jersey numbers painted in the outfield grass to help show what the players have meant to BG.

“They’ve meant a lot,” Salsburg said. “Stratton has done a lot with our pitchers often focusing on her defense while Yoho has been a mainstay in the outfield consistently hitting in the middle of our lineup.

The Falcons started off the

scoring with a four-run second inning and never let their lead slip away.”

Stratton and Yoho contributed greatly by playing to their roles well to finish the season. Yoho collected two hits, two RBIs, and hit her team-leading twelfth homerun of the season; while Stratton hit her seventh double of the season and helped the pitching staff give up just two earned runs.

Adding a double apiece were BG freshmen Aspen Searle and Amanda Durham as the Falcons went on to sweep the Rockets in a 7-5 victory.

“To send the seniors out as winners is important, they did so much for our team,” Salsburg said. “To finish strong like this and to finish the way that we did, I’m really proud of this team.”

The Falcons were able to put everything together on the

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Baseball rallies in series finale against Miami

Falcons defeat Miami 5-0 Sunday to avoid sweep

By **Corey Krupa**
Reporter

The Falcons defeated the Miami RedHawks 5-0 in Sunday’s series finale to avoid a series sweep by the RedHawks.

After losing its first two games, BG starting pitcher Andrew Lacinak pitched a complete game, allowing five hits and giving up no runs for the Falcons.

“It’s all about Andrew Lacinak. That was his best career start and he did a phenomenal job,” Schmitz said.

In the second inning, Brandon Howard and Patrick Lancaster scored for BG off a throwing error. In the next inning, Howard drove in two runs off a triple to give the Falcons a 4-0 lead. Outfielder Jeremy Shay added an insurance run with an RBI single in the 8th inning.

The Falcons collected 15 hits in the contest.

In Friday’s opening game, BG scored first when Trey Keegan

scored on a two-out error by Miami. The RedHawks scored the next three runs in the game to take a 3-1 lead into the seventh inning.

The Falcons cut the deficit to one run off a two out RBI single by Jake Thomas. The RedHawks earned an insurance run against in the eighth inning, on a two-out solo home run off the from their catcher Max Andresen.

BG tied the game in the ninth with a two-out double from Brian Bien, but the Falcons gave up a walkoff double in the bottom of the tenth inning to lose to the RedHawks 5-4.

It was the Falcons first loss in extra innings this season.

“That was a tough loss. We battled and we had our chances. We made a couple mistakes and that was a tough loss,” said BG baseball coach Danny Schmitz.

Falcon starting pitcher Mike Frank pitched eight innings,

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BG HIGH jumper performs during the team's home outdoor meet against the University of Toledo this past weekend.

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Falcons defeat Toledo in lone home outdoor meet

By Jamar Dunson
Reporter

The BG track and field team controlled the meet and beat its rival for the second year in a row at the Bowling Green and Toledo Dual Meet.

It was the Falcons' lone home meet of the outdoor season. In 18 events, they won 12 of the matchups between the two and came in first with a score of 107-75.

It began with the hammer throw competition, where the Falcons took all top three spots of the event. Junior Brooke Pleger came in first with a total throwing distance of 208-feet-7. Redshirt freshman Kori Reiser took second place and Tina Perrine

placed third.

Pleger, who remains unbeaten in the hammer throw events, was excited to continue her success and look forwards to future of the team.

"It was exciting ... every meet I tried to stay focused and every meet I've been able to win so far," Pleger said. "I think our team's is looking pretty good ... we got a pretty good chance to do some nice stuff this year."

Reiser, who also came second in the discus, shot put and javelin events, feels great about helping the team be in a good spot for the championship round.

"As a redshirt freshman, it feels awesome to be in a scoring position," Reiser

said. "I know our team is in a building position ... it's exciting to see what we can do and hopefully we'll place in the top half of the conference this year."

The Falcons' success continued in the high jump, with freshman Raven Porter winning the high jump event with a 5-5 score. This was also set a new personal best for her in the event.

The Falcons really began to shine in the running events, winning the 100, 200, 400, 3000, 400 hurdles and relay. Sophomore Alicia Arnold won the 100, freshmen Brianna Johnson won the 200 and Gabrielle Edwards won the 400 meter.

Junior Mackenzie McMillin took over the

3000 meter, winning with a time of 10:38.23. Junior Natalie Sommerville, despite missing her personal best in the hurdles, managed to win the event with her score of 62.64.

Head coach Lou Snelling was impressed with the overall performance of the team as well as beating the Rockets again.

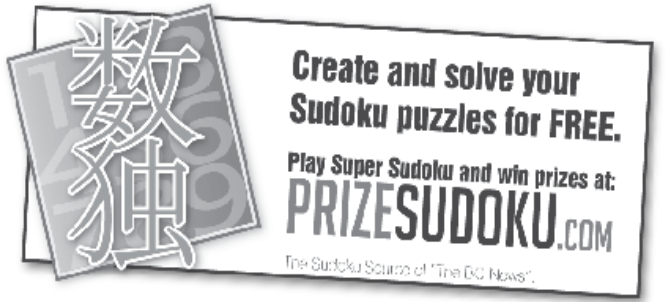
"It was a solid performance, we took care of business," Snelling said. "Anytime you can beat Toledo, it's a victory earned."

The Falcons will have over a week to rest up and prepare for the Mid-American Conference outdoor championships. The event will be hosted by Ohio and will be from May 15-17.

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weekend and finish with their best series of games on the season.

"I think this was the first time in our season where we had opportunities to shut the door and we did," Salsburg said.

This series, while not quite being enough to push the Falcons into the Mid-American Conference tournament, was enough to help keep Toledo out.

"If there's consolation I guess that's it," Salsburg said. "Our young team is going to come back and understand how important the games we gave away earlier in the season were."

The Falcons showed poise throughout the year ending the season on a 3-game win streak with a final 23-28-1 record. The Falcons will return with twice as many seniors and will look to carry over their end-of-season success.



JAMIE KERTES pitches against a University Toledo batter in the team's weekend series against Central Michigan.

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"She's like my big role model on the team," Dillow said. "She's always supportive, she wants me to do good and is just always there for me, and so that helps me a lot."

Her presence isn't just felt on game day. Kertes is always looking to help her teammates both on and off the field.

"She's helped me work hard, she pushes me, but she's always there for me at the same time," freshman Chelsea Raker said. "She's always someone I can turn to, talk to and will help me

through anything."

While Kertes is often fun loving, caring and always willing to help her peers, her mentality and desire to win is second to none.

"Jamie off the field is just your typical teacher, a great kid, but on the field she's fierce" head coach Shannon Salsburg said. "She's someone who loves to compete. She is one of our best competitors and has been since she arrived and that's a big reason why she has done very well."

Her coach isn't the only person who recognizes this competitive side of Kertes. Her teammates are well aware of this as well and respect her as such.

"She's nice, kind-hearted, but very competitive too," Raker said.

This competitiveness has propelled Kertes to be one of the more successful pitchers in BG history through her first three years. Kertes has compiled over 550 innings pitched through 138 games notching a win in 42 of them. The countless appearances have moved her into third all time for career appearances in the MAC.

This success, leadership and competitiveness will carry Kertes into her fourth and final season with the Falcons. Kertes, while anxious, will embrace this opportunity and continue to grow.

"I feel like I've grown into

more of an adult," Kertes said. "It's kind of scary to think that I'm going to be a senior, but I feel like I've grown in my relationships with my coaches and teammates and it shows that I am able to communicate with them better. I'm going to keep growing and learning more about myself and the game."

Kertes has a desire to help, a desire to win and it's this attitude that will help carry her and the Falcons into her senior season.

"Jamie has meant a lot since she arrived because she's going to do everything she possibly can," Salsburg said. "She's fought through a lot and she's a kid that I'd always bet on."

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struck out eight batters and earned a no decision.

Frank became the Falcons all-time leader for career innings pitched, passing Kip Young's previous record of 295 innings pitched. Frank has now pitched 298 innings in his career and is second all-time with 211 strikeouts.

In Saturday afternoon's game, Falcon starting pitcher Brett Fitzwater pitched a career-high six innings in the game and allowed two runs. However, the Falcons lost 3-1 with their offense getting four hits in the game.

"I thought Brett pitched well. He gave us a chance to win, but our

bats just went silent," Schmitz said.

RedHawks starting pitcher Nathan Williams pitched 8.2 innings in the Miami victory.

Trailing 1-0 in the fourth inning, T.J. Losby tied the game with an RBI double for the Falcons. However, Miami regained the lead the next inning and held it for the rest of the game.

With the win, BG improves to 21-22 overall and 11-10 in the MAC. The RedHawks are now 22-25 overall and 12-9 in the MAC.

BG will be at home next weekend against Ohio University in another MAC series. The series will be the final home weekend series at Steller Field this season for the Falcons.



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